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WASHINGTON, October 22, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 17 totaled an estimated 19.2 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 741.9 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended October 17 totaled 433,976, up 7.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 1.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 5.8 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 17 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Metallic ores increased by 6,208 cars (43.6 percent), while coal showed a gain of 4,906 cars (4.2 percent). Loadings of chemicals and allied products were up 2,765 cars (11.9 percent), and metals and products were up 2,306 cars (30.4 percent). Twelve of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 10 totaled 108,916 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 4,028,904 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/17/87:

	Loadings in Week ended <u>October 17, 1987</u>			Change from Corresponding Week 1986		Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent	
Grain	34,690	I		667	2.0	I	674	2.0
Other farm products	4,708	D		197	4.0	D	129	2.7
Metallic ores	20,460	I		6,208	43.6	D	1,185	5.5
Coal	121,532	I		4,906	4.2	D	549	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,572	I		2,625	17.6	D	225	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	9,219	I		254	2.8	D	545	5.6
Grain mill products	11,357	I		487	4.5	D	279	2.4
Food and kindred products	11,160	I		301	2.8	D	377	3.3
Primary forest products	10,658	I		591	5.9	D	155	1.4
Lumber and wood products								
except furniture	7,771	I		167	2.2	I	7	0.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,690	D		69	0.6	D	536	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,971	I		2,765	11.9	D	196	0.7
Petroleum products	4,882	I		232	5.0	I	226	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	11,666	I		1,159	11.0	D	117	1.0
Coke	5,620	I		1,524	37.2	I	366	7.0
Metals and products	9,882	I		2,306	30.4	I	265	2.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,349	I		1,488	7.5	I	386	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	10,038	I		2,270	29.2	I	287	2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,052	D		173	5.4	I	4	0.1
All other carloads	<u>80,699</u>	<u>I</u>		<u>2,887</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>3,592</u>	<u>4.3</u>
Total Cars Loaded	433,976	I		30,398	7.5	D	5,700	1.3

Corresponding week of 1986

403,578

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	16,712,122	15,993,381	I 4.5

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

41 Weeks ended October 10	722.7	687.9	I 5.1
Week ended October 17	<u>19.2</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>I 8.4</u>
42 Weeks cumulative	741.9	705.6	I 5.1

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